



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of this expedited sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products (hot-rolled steel) from the Russian Federation (Russia) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the rates identified in the “Final Results of Review” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*.]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 24, 2014, Commerce published the AD order on hot-rolled steel from Russia.¹ On September 1, 2021, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the second sunset review of the *Order* in accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On September 16, 2021, Commerce received notices of intent to participate from Nucor Corporation, California Steel Industries, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Steel Dynamics Inc., and United States Steel Corporation (collectively, domestic interested parties), within the 15-day

¹ See *Termination of the Suspension Agreement on Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation, Rescission of 2013-2014 Administrative Review, and Issuance of Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 77455 (December 24, 2014) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 86 FR 48983 (September 1, 2021).

deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). Domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act.

On September 30, 2021, Commerce received an adequate substantive response to the notice of initiation from domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).³ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested parties. On October 20, 2021 Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.⁴ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C), Commerce conducted an expedited, *i.e.*, 120-day, sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is hot-rolled steel. These imports are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00, 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00.

³ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from the Russian Federation: Substantive Response to the Notice of Initiation of Sunset Review," dated September 30, 2021.

⁴ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on September 1, 2021," dated October 20, 2021.

The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. A full description of the scopes of the *Order* is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵ The written descriptions are dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum,⁶ including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping, and the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail if this order was revoked. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at weighted-average margins up to 184.56%.⁷

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of

⁵ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum) at 3.

⁶ See Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁷ See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value: Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation*, 64 FR 38626 (July 19, 1999).

the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective orders is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: December 15, 2021.

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Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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